Utah Pollinator Habitat Program

Stansbury Cliffrose (*Purshia stansburiana*)

Zone: 4-11

Color: White to pale yellow

Bloom Time: April to June

Plant Type: Woody shrub

Mature Height: 4-10 feet

Mature Spread: 4 to 8 feet

Water Use: Low

Soil Type: While adaptable to various soil textures, it does best on medium-to-fine well-draining soil types

Range and Native Habitat: *Purshia stansburiana*'s native range includes areas like southern Idaho, southwestern Colorado, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, southern California, and northern Mexico. It thrives in dry, often rocky habitats, including foothills, mesas, and canyons, particularly on slopes with limestone or dolomite substrates.

Suggested Maintenance: An evergreen shrub, it needs little-to-no water once established - water will dictate mature size. Pruning should be minimal and only for shaping and removing of dead branches.

Other: Cliffrose is also planted for erosion control. It is an important browse plant for deer, cattle, and sheep, especially in winter. Native Americans used to make rope, sandals, and clothing from the shreddy bark and arrow shafts from the stems.

Wildlife Supported

Distribution Map

Landscaping Information

Sun
Full sun

Water Needs
Very low

Summer Irrigation
Max 1x / month once established

Soil Drainage
Fast

Propagation
By seed, 1-2 mos cold moist stratification or by cutting